

# CPUC Advanced Rate Design Forum

*Designing and Implementation of Real-Time Pricing and  
Other Advanced Dynamic Rates*

Robert Thomas  
Principal Manager – Pricing Design & Marginal Costs  
Southern California Edison

Energy for What's Ahead<sup>SM</sup>



# SCE's RTP Customers Load Profile And Price Response

## Program

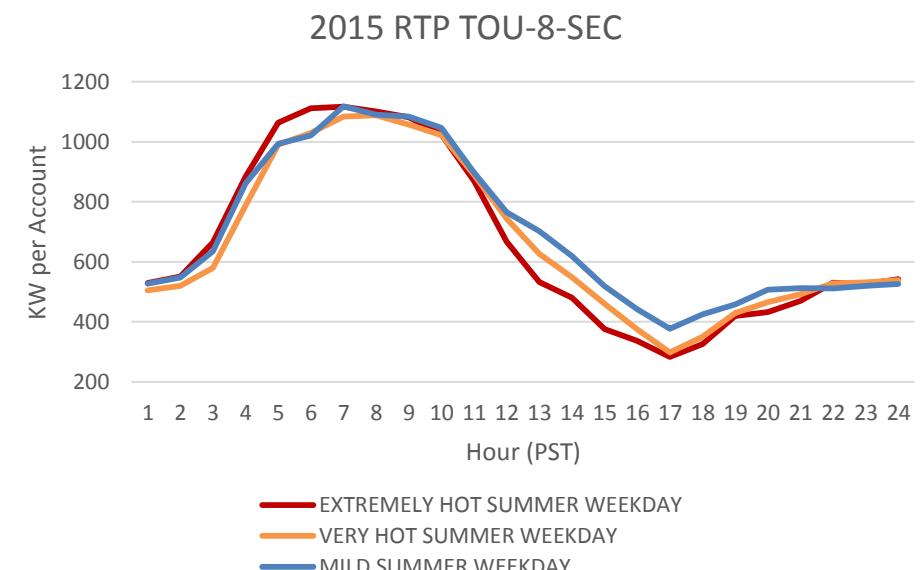
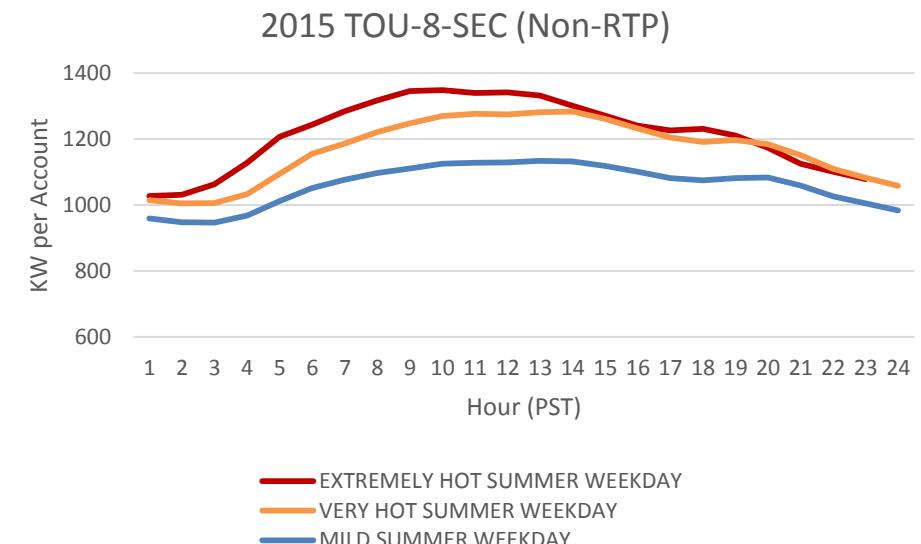
- RTP program opened in 1987
- 150 active participants today
- Available to C&I and Agricultural & Pumping customers

## Rate Structure

- Hourly energy charges
  - Comprised of generation energy & capacity
  - Delivery charges are the same as the standard rate
- Temperature based triggers
  - Highly correlated with system load
  - Easy to understand
- Day-ahead "call"
  - Provides sufficient notice to respond
  - Standard temperature forecasts provide even greater planning period

## Demand Response Performance

- Load impact
  - 48% on weekdays with temperature  $\geq 95^{\circ}\text{F}$
  - 43% on weekdays with temperature  $91^{\circ}\text{F} - 94^{\circ}\text{F}$
  - By comparison, default CPP demonstrates load impacts of 5%
- Bill savings of 15% vs. standard rate
- The direct result of better alignment with costs



# SCE's RTP Hourly Generation Rate Example - \$/kWh

CURRENT											
HOUR ENDING @ PST	EXTREMELY HOT SUMMER WEEKDAY (>=95)	VERY HOT SUMMER WEEKDAY (91-94)	HOT SUMMER WEEKDAY (85-90)	MODERATE SUMMER WEEKDAY (81-84)	MILD SUMMER WEEKDAY (<=80)	HIGH COST WINTER WEEKDAY <th>LOW COST WINTER WEEKDAY (&lt;=90)</th> <th>HIGH COST WEEKEND<br (&gt;="78)&lt;/th"/><th>LOW COST WEEKEND (&lt;78)</th><th></th><th></th></th>	LOW COST WINTER WEEKDAY (<=90)	HIGH COST WEEKEND <th>LOW COST WEEKEND (&lt;78)</th> <th></th> <th></th>	LOW COST WEEKEND (<78)		
1 a.m.	0.040	0.032	0.028	0.026	0.025	0.043	0.032	0.034	0.030		
2 a.m.	0.035	0.027	0.023	0.022	0.022	0.041	0.029	0.030	0.026		
3 a.m.	0.029	0.023	0.019	0.018	0.019	0.035	0.027	0.026	0.024		
4 a.m.	0.026	0.021	0.018	0.017	0.017	0.037	0.027	0.025	0.022		
5 a.m.	0.027	0.023	0.020	0.018	0.019	0.040	0.029	0.025	0.022		
6 a.m.	0.037	0.029	0.025	0.023	0.023	0.050	0.036	0.026	0.024		
7 a.m.	0.038	0.031	0.028	0.025	0.025	0.058	0.041	0.025	0.022		
8 a.m.	0.041	0.035	0.032	0.029	0.029	0.060	0.044	0.028	0.023		
9 a.m.	0.046	0.049	0.035	0.034	0.033	0.058	0.044	0.033	0.029		
10 a.m.	0.085	0.075	0.040	0.039	0.038	0.066	0.046	0.037	0.033		
11 a.m.	0.196	0.160	0.053	0.043	0.042	0.094	0.047	0.040	0.037		
12 noon	0.430	0.255	0.060	0.046	0.044	0.120	0.047	0.043	0.038		
1 p.m.	0.702	0.372	0.081	0.047	0.045	0.146	0.046	0.044	0.037		
2 p.m.	1.223	0.602	0.200	0.053	0.047	0.202	0.046	0.044	0.035		
3 p.m.	1.771	0.779	0.322	0.068	0.052	0.252	0.046	0.047	0.036		
4 p.m.	2.487	1.005	0.419	0.087	0.057	0.288	0.046	0.049	0.036		
5 p.m.	2.488	0.923	0.426	0.080	0.056	0.246	0.047	0.053	0.038		
6 p.m.	1.839	0.699	0.269	0.061	0.048	0.160	0.050	0.057	0.040		
7 p.m.	1.151	0.355	0.149	0.055	0.046	0.137	0.052	0.055	0.041		
8 p.m.	0.811	0.239	0.102	0.046	0.043	0.141	0.052	0.054	0.044		
9 p.m.	0.894	0.389	0.101	0.048	0.045	0.143	0.050	0.059	0.045		
10 p.m.	0.179	0.151	0.053	0.044	0.042	0.074	0.046	0.048	0.042		
11 p.m.	0.050	0.063	0.039	0.039	0.038	0.052	0.042	0.041	0.036		
Midnight	0.044	0.037	0.034	0.032	0.031	0.048	0.035	0.035	0.030		
# of Days	4	7	16	23	36	7	168	47	57		

**SCE's RTP  
rate  
proposal  
reflects  
duck curve  
pricing and  
ramping  
effects**

PROPOSED											
HOUR ENDING @ PST	HOT SUMMER WEEKDAY (>=91)	Moderate Summer Weekday (81-90)	MILD SUMMER WEEKDAY (<=80)	HIGH COST WINTER WEEKDAY <th>LOW COST WINTER WEEKDAY (&lt;=90)</th> <th>HIGH COST WEEKEND<br (&gt;="78)&lt;/th"/><th>LOW COST WEEKEND (&lt;78)</th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></th>	LOW COST WINTER WEEKDAY (<=90)	HIGH COST WEEKEND <th>LOW COST WEEKEND (&lt;78)</th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th> <th></th>	LOW COST WEEKEND (<78)				
1 a.m.	0.047	0.048	0.046	0.046	0.047	0.047	0.048	0.048	0.048		
2 a.m.	0.047	0.047	0.046	0.045	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.048		
3 a.m.	0.047	0.048	0.046	0.046	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.047	0.048		
4 a.m.	0.048	0.049	0.047	0.046	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048	0.048		
5 a.m.	0.051	0.052	0.050	0.049	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.049	0.049		
6 a.m.	0.056	0.056	0.049	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.054	0.049	0.050		
7 a.m.	0.048	0.048	0.045	0.051	0.055	0.045	0.045	0.048	0.048		
8 a.m.	0.044	0.045	0.041	0.045	0.050	0.050	0.050	0.040	0.040		
9 a.m.	0.042	0.043	0.039	0.041	0.043	0.043	0.043	0.023	0.030		
10 a.m.	0.040	0.043	0.038	0.037	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.017	0.020		
11 a.m.	0.040	0.043	0.040	0.029	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.015	0.014		
12 noon	0.040	0.044	0.040	0.019	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.018	0.012		
1 p.m.	0.042	0.046	0.042	0.021	0.032	0.032	0.032	0.012	0.012		
2 p.m.	0.045	0.059	0.046	0.025	0.036	0.036	0.036	0.022	0.022		
3 p.m.	0.046	0.051	0.046	0.036	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.034	0.034		
4 p.m.	0.049	0.054	0.048	0.044	0.045	0.045	0.045	0.043	0.043		
5 p.m.	0.090	0.057	0.051	0.047	0.052	0.049	0.049	0.053	0.053		
6 p.m.	4.164	0.092	0.055	0.069	0.066	0.064	0.077				
7 p.m.	4.062	0.169	0.073	0.106	0.073	0.120	0.118				
8 p.m.	1.049	0.119	0.075	0.073	0.065	0.082	0.063				
9 p.m.	0.083	0.065	0.066	0.061	0.060	0.060	0.057				
10 p.m.	0.057	0.060	0.061	0.056	0.058	0.057	0.055				
11 p.m.	0.050	0.052	0.050	0.050	0.053	0.050	0.052				
Midnight	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.048	0.049	0.048	0.048				
# of Days	10	47	30	6	163	54	55				

- Shifting to a Duck Curve price profile moves SCE's RTP away from a purely "Top 100 Hour" based rate
- Energy and capacity charges include utility fixed costs (i.e., capital, programs, balancing accounts)
- RTP has flexibility to offer low cost pricing in periods of generation oversupply

# Distribution of Energy & Capacity Charges - \$/kWh

ENERGY										CAPACITY									
HOUR	HOT SUMMER	MODERATE SUMMER	MILD SUMMER	HIGH COST WINTER	LOW COST WINTER	HIGH COST WEEKEND	LOW COST WEEKEND	HOUR	HOT SUMMER	MODERATE SUMMER	MILD SUMMER	HIGH COST WINTER	LOW COST WINTER	HIGH COST WEEKEND	LOW COST WEEKEND				
ENDING @	WEEKDAY	WEEKDAY	WEEKDAY	WEEKDAY	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	WEEKEND	ENDING @	WEEKDAY	WEEKDAY	WEEKDAY	WEEKDAY	WEEKDAY	WEEKEND	WEEKEND				
PST	(>=91)	(81-90)	(<=80)	(>90)	(<=90)	(>=78)	(<78)	PST	(>=91)	(81-90)	(<=80)	(>90)	(<=90)	(>=78)	(<78)				
1 a.m.	0.036	0.037	0.035	0.035	0.036	0.036	0.037	1 a.m.											
2 a.m.	0.036	0.036	0.035	0.035	0.036	0.036	0.037	2 a.m.											
3 a.m.	0.036	0.037	0.036	0.035	0.036	0.036	0.037	3 a.m.											
4 a.m.	0.037	0.038	0.036	0.036	0.037	0.037	0.037	4 a.m.											
5 a.m.	0.039	0.040	0.039	0.038	0.038	0.038	0.038	5 a.m.											
6 a.m.	0.043	0.043	0.038	0.041	0.041	0.037	0.038	6 a.m.											
7 a.m.	0.037	0.037	0.035	0.039	0.042	0.034	0.037	7 a.m.											
8 a.m.	0.034	0.035	0.032	0.035	0.039	0.028	0.030	8 a.m.											
9 a.m.	0.032	0.033	0.030	0.032	0.033	0.018	0.023	9 a.m.											
10 a.m.	0.031	0.033	0.029	0.028	0.029	0.013	0.015	10 a.m.											
11 a.m.	0.031	0.033	0.031	0.022	0.027	0.012	0.011	11 a.m.											
12 noon	0.031	0.034	0.031	0.015	0.025	0.014	0.009	12 noon											
1 p.m.	0.032	0.036	0.032	0.016	0.025	0.017	0.009	1 p.m.											
2 p.m.	0.034	0.045	0.035	0.019	0.028	0.023	0.017	2 p.m.											
3 p.m.	0.036	0.039	0.036	0.027	0.032	0.027	0.026	3 p.m.	0.80										
4 p.m.	0.037	0.041	0.037	0.034	0.035	0.035	0.033	4 p.m.	0.15										
5 p.m.	0.040	0.044	0.039	0.036	0.040	0.037	0.039	5 p.m.	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.17				0.13	0.14		
6 p.m.	0.049	0.052	0.042	0.047	0.050	0.044	0.047	6 p.m.	3.16	0.19	0.50	0.59	0.99			0.42	0.13		
7 p.m.	0.059	0.064	0.055	0.060	0.054	0.053	0.051	7 p.m.	3.67	0.67	0.14	0.21	0.20			0.89	0.39		
8 p.m.	0.054	0.055	0.056	0.056	0.050	0.050	0.048	8 p.m.	0.75	0.37	0.20					0.13	0.18		
9 p.m.	0.047	0.049	0.051	0.047	0.046	0.046	0.044	9 p.m.	0.17	0.94	0.40					0.46			
10 p.m.	0.044	0.046	0.047	0.043	0.044	0.044	0.042	10 p.m.	0.19										
11 p.m.	0.038	0.040	0.039	0.039	0.041	0.038	0.040	11 p.m.											
Midnight	0.037	0.038	0.037	0.037	0.038	0.037	0.037	Midnight											

- Generation capacity provides the strongest price signal to encourage demand response
  - Capacity allocated between ramp & peak charges (36% and 64% allocation, respectively)
  - Energy charges reflect generation oversupply periods – lowest charge in the winter midday
- Structural options in bifurcated market include:
  - Two-part RTP: Market based energy only RTP; capacity and fixed costs recovered through traditional TOU base rate
  - Block-plus margin: Distribution peak and generation energy & capacity recovered through hourly pricing; all other costs recovered through a fixed monthly charge